of untrained graduate teachers 142. There are also 35 acting untrained graduate teachers without permanent appointments.

(b) Seven seats have been reserved for male graduates in the Training College, Trivandrum. About four lady graduates are being sent annually to the Lady Willingdon College, Madras, and from 1100 onwards five more male graduates are being sent to the Training College, Saidapet. The time required to get all the graduate teachers now in service trained, cannot be forecasted, as it is dependent on various circumstances.

(c) No.

(d) Twenty-six in both cases.

(e) The following are the numbers trained during the years noted against them.

1099	3
1100	9
1101	7

(f) Exemptions are granted in very exceptional cases. No hard and fast rules have been laid down in the matter.

The Malayalam Improvement Committee.

337. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when the Malayalam Improvement Committee was organised;

(b) what work the Committee has turned out till now from its formation;

(c) what some of money was entrusted to this Committee;

(d) when was it;

(e) what amount the Committee has now;

(f) where is the amount invested;

(g) who are the members of the present Committee; when were they appointed;

(h) has the Director of Education any control on the Committee;

(i) if so, what;

(j) who is the present publishing agency of the Malayalam text books;

(k) whether the publication work was entrusted by calling tenders;

(l) if so, how many tenders were received;

(m) at what part of the year the text-books are usually prescribed;

(n) when are they published in the Government Gazette;

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(o) were the Government aware of the fact that sufficient copies of the text books were not available for sale ;

i. if so, what steps the Government have taken to remedy it ;

ii. if not, will the Government be pleased to make the necessary enquiry and place the report on the table ;

(p) is there any agreement between the publishing agency and the Committee ; if so, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of it?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) In the year 1088 M. E.

(b) Vide answer to question No. 12 of the Legislative Session of Vrischigam 1101.

(c) Rs. 20,000.

(d) In the year 1089 M. E.

(e) Rs. 28,430—4—10 at the end of Thulam 1102.

(f) Rs. 20,000 in the Mysore loan, Rs. 2,153—12—6 in the Central Co-operative Bank and Rs. 6,276—8—4 in the Trichur Treasury.

(g) The present Committee reconstituted as per D. P. Dis. No. 1894/D/1101, dated 10th March 1926. The following are the members.—

1. M. R. Ry. P. Sankaran Nambiyar Avl. (Secretary).
2. ,, V. K. Achyuta Menon Avl.
3. ,, V. K. Raman Menon Avl.
4. ,, K. Narayana Menon Avl.
5. ,, T. K. Krishna Menon Avl.
6. ,, C. Kunhiraman Menon Avl.
7. ,, V. K. Kunjan Menon Avl.
8. ,, K. Rama Pisharodi Avl.

(h) No.

(i) Vide answer to the previous part.

(j) The Committee itself for books prescribed for Forms IV, V & VI. Readers I to VII are published by the Cochin Publishing House, Ernakulam.

(k) No.

(l) Vide answer to (k) above.

(m) They are prescribed at the meeting of the Board of Studies usually held in January.

(n) As soon as Government approve of the Proceedings of the Board of Studies.

(o) Government were aware that certain books were not available for sale in certain localities last year, and found that it was due to the fact that book-sellers did not choose to stock a fresh supply when the original stock was exhausted.

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i. The publishers and authors were given prompt notice that if sufficient copies of the books were not stocked in all centres, new books would be prescribed in place of their books.

ii. Does not arise.

(p) Yes, in the opinion of Government no public interest will be served by the publication of the agreement.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What is the rate of interest for the 20,000 Rs. in the Mysore loan?

Mr. C. Matthai.—6½ per cent and 7 per cent. Two rates.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—When was it?

Mr. C. Matthai.—That is stated in the answer.

President.—In 1089.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—No.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The loan was floated in 1097.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—Two loans were floated, one in Sir A. R. Banerje's time and the other previous to his time. The first one was at 7 per cent and the subsequent one at 6 per cent.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A 7 per cent loan was floated on the 1st of November 1921, and another loan of 6½ per cent on the same date. They will be repaid in 1941 and 1951 at the discretion of the Mysore Government.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—From where do they get their books printed?

Mr. C. Matthai.—They make their own arrangements.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—From which Press do they get these books printed?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Sometimes, it will be in the Government Press.

President.—Is it not from the Ramanujam Printing Works?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Not always there. I do'nt know if these books are published there.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Can you not give a definite answer?

Mr. C. Matthai.—I cannot say. I will find it out, if necessary, next time.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—May I know whether the publication of the work was entrusted by calling tenders?

Mr. C. Matthai.—No.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Are there any special reasons for not calling tenders.

Mr. C. Matthai.—No special reasons, so far as I know.

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—How do you know that the publication of the agreement will not serve any public interest ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—That is the the opinion of the Government.

President.—In the opinion of the Government it does not serve. In the opinion of others, it might serve.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is there any complaint brought about this contract by the Publishing Company in the Cochin State ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—I have no official information about any complaint.

The inspection work of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in 1101.

338. **Dr. A. G. Menon.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the names of the Hospitals, Dispensaries, Asylums and Markets the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer inspected in the year 1101 with dates and hours spent in each;

(b) in how many cases the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer deputed his son to do his (father's) work of inspection, etc. ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) A statement containing the information available is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*) Hours spent in each institution cannot be given as there is no system of noting the same.

(b) In no case.

The Secretary to the Board of Examiners.

339. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is a fact that, early in Chingam 1102, in reporting on the necessity for reconstituting the Board of Examiners, its Secretary Mr. S. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar, made a request to be relieved of the Secretaryship ;

(b) whether he has stated any reason for doing so ;

(c) if the answer to sub-section (b) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state them before the House ;

(d) whether these reasons stated by Mr. Ayyar still hold good ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The reason, as he stated was, that he had plenty of work to do as Principal of the College.

(d) Yes, in large measure.

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